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Content	<p>Background: Island Sri Lanka provides free health care to 22 million people with 350000 births cohort by over 6000 trained public health midwives (PHM) dedicated to antenatal care, immunization, growth monitoring, early child development and advice on nutrition and general care. However, there is not much attention on parenting skills; the pre-requisite in the provision of responsive caregiving under the nurturing care framework. Methods: A native self-reporting 13 items Likert scale tool to assess authoritative, authoritarian, permissive and neglectful parenting was adopted to assess PHMs advocacy style. 39 PHMs responded in a conference and they administered parenting style tool to 10 mothers under their care. Results: Out of 340 mothers reported, 91% were predominantly authoritative but all the PHMs advocate authoritative behaviors. There was a correlation between authoritative parenting and authoritative advocacy by PHM ($r = 0.024$ $p = 0.716$). However, 80.5% of mothers adopt and but only 22.9 PHM advocate more than 5 AUTHORITARIAN attributes. PHM's AUTHORITARIAN advocacy and the parents' AUTHORITARIAN style correlates positively but not statistically significant ($r=0.116$, $p=0.96$). PHMs' permissiveness in advocacy correlates with parents' AUTHORITARIAN styles ($r=0.219$, $p=0.03$). PHM's authoritative advocacy negatively correlates with neglecting parenting behaviors ($r= - 0.040$, $p=0.57$). PHM's negligence style of advocacy correlates negatively with parental authoritative behaviors ($r= - 0.013$, $p= 0.84$). Conclusion: PHMs' advocacy of authoritative supports healthy parenting while supporting authoritarian, negligence and permissive style correlate with negative parenting styles. Training PHM on how to advocate parenting style would be a beneficial community intervention.</p>